



Cuyahoga County
Safe Kids/Safe Communities Coalition
Speed, Reckless and Aggressive Driving/DUI Reduction Task Force
Thursday, September 18, 2008
Strongsville Fire Department – Strongsville PD

I. Announcements

- A. Senate Bill 17 was signed by Governor Strickland on June 27, 2008 and becomes law on September 30, 2008. The major operational change for law enforcement concerns using “whatever reasonable means necessary” for obtaining blood for multiple offenders after a chemical test refusal. Recommendations from ODH include:
1. Consulting your law director or prosecutor for legal advice before considering or creating/implementing an SOP for obtaining samples of whole blood, blood serum or blood plasma to comply with the provisions of the bill. **Urine is not an option under this provision.**
 2. You should consider contracting with:
 - a. a local fire department
 - b. hospital
 - c. health department
 - d. private lab
 - e. or any other qualified individualsAn agreement with those individuals in advance of any request is your best option.
 3. We have copies of ODH’s Memo regarding the bill available today.

II. Old Business

- A. *Over the Limit. Under Arrest. was a great success.*
1. Media Reach:
 - a. 26 minutes of earned media
 - b. Operation Wolf Pack was covered 12 out of the 18 days of the campaign.
 - c. We also were represented by Mark Kwiatkowski on two half hour WUAB community programs devoted to DUI prevention. These shows ran on the 24th and 31st.
 - d. Thank you also to Bob Stitt, Tom Brickman, Odis Rogers and Mike Cannon for working with the media during the campaign!
 2. On-line coverage: we were covered on Cleveland.com, the Sun News website, the News Herald website. Several out of town news outlets had the task force efforts posted on their websites as well.
 3. OTLUA Kick-off - thank to everyone who attended. There is a sign-in sheet that is being passed around for that event. Please sign it if you attended.

4. Safe Rides – Ace Taxi provided 31 free rides over Labor Day weekend. WTAM promoted the Safe Rides program during the week prior to the holiday weekend.
5. T.O.P.S. (Taxis on Patrol for Safety) – Brian Dorin trained approximately 40 Ace Taxi cab drivers on the cues of an impaired driver.
6. Wolf Pack Results: Thank you to everyone who sent in their stats for the Sunday morning after action reports!

OVI under 21	OVI 21 & Over	Seat Belt	Child Restraint	Speed	Other	DUS	Felony	OT	Stops
3	56	68	9	110	273	44	12	739.75	4662

III. New Business

A. *Training*

1. Checkpoint Training – Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 22nd. It will begin at 8:30 am and end at approximately 4:30 pm at the Parma Heights PD.
 - a. Training will be conducted by Bill Healey and includes SOPs, set up, case law, etc.
 - b. We are hoping to have confirmation of grant approval early next week.
 - c. There is no charge for the training, but it is costing the task force \$1,000, so we'd like to get as many people in as possible.
 - d. We will send out a registration form to the task force and chiefs as soon as the training is approved and details have been confirmed.
2. Law Update training – due to the changes in the OVI law required by Senate Bill 17, should we have Dean Ward from ODH come in February? We're looking for recommendations for this training. In the past we have had a local prosecutor speak at this training. Should we do that again?
3. SFST Refresher – we have two options
 - a. Have a half day refresher with dosed subjects, probably scheduled in the spring or
 - b. Schedule 6 to 10 twenty/thirty minute SFST mini-refreshers throughout the year. We could schedule them prior to scheduled checkpoints and conduct them during the briefing. We could invite officers from nearby departments to attend who conduct saturation patrols in support of the checkpoint.
 - c. We're looking for feedback. Let Chrystal know what you think.

- B. ***Checkpoint Trailer, BATmobile, Sign trailer and Electronic Portable Signboards:***
1. White Checkpoint Trailer: to reserve this trailer call Sgt. Odis Rogers, Olmsted Falls PD 440-235-1234.
 - a. We will be purchasing new safety vests, flashlights and “Sobriety Checkpoint Ahead” signs with FFY2009 grant funds.
 - b. The light tower has been fixed. UPDATE: the lights no longer can be moved/adjusted. In order to decrease the chance of more damage, the lights have been welded in place.
 2. Black Checkpoint Trailer: to reserve this trailer, call Commander Mark Kwiatkowski, Bedford Heights PD 440-786-3262.
 - a. Once FFY 2009 grant has been executed we will be installing two side-mounted light towers on this trailer.
 3. BATmobile: to reserve the BATmobile, call Sgt. Tony Haberkorn, Parma PD, 440-887-7313.
 4. Programmable Sign Trailer: to reserve, call Ptl. Ryan Damore at 440-580-3230.
 5. Portable Electronic Signboards (2): to reserve call Sgt. Bob Abele, South Euclid PD, 216-691-4260

IV. FFY 2008 Grant Information

- A. Please spend down by midnight on September 30th. We would appreciate your help in closing out the grant year as soon as possible so we can get out your contracts and reporting CDs for FFY 2009.
- B. ***Checkpoints:***
1. Thank you to all of the departments that scheduled and conducted checkpoints! We only had to revise our grant 3 times to change our work plan dates.
 2. Checkpoints scheduled for September include:

Cleveland (2)	Bedford Hts. 9/26/08
Euclid 9/7/08	Olmsted Twp. 9/26/08
Brooklyn Hts. 9/3/08	Garfield Hts. 9/25/08
S. Euclid 9/26/08	

V. Grant Planning for FFY 2009

- A. ***Proposals*** for the OVI Task Force and the Cuyahoga County HVEO grants were submitted 6/30/08. The grants have been reviewed and returned with comments and modifications. We sent in justifications to the reviewers and they have unofficially indicated that the OVI grant will be authorized as we proposed it. We have had to make minor changes to the Safe Communities grant and major changes to the HVEO grant. We’ll let you know as soon as we here anything.
1. For those of you conducting checkpoints in FFY 2009 there is now a maximum of 14 officers per checkpoint and \$3,000 total reimbursement

2. We are considering putting in an additional proposal for another CIOT seat belt use intervention near NOPUS and low use sites.
- B. **Meeting planning for FFY 2009** - The terms and conditions of the FFY09 grants do not allow us to purchase food with grant funds. We would appreciate it if you would be willing to find a vendor or sponsor to donate lunch when you host a meeting.
1. October 16th _____
 2. November 20th _____
 3. December 18th _____
 4. January 15th _____
 5. February 19th _____
 6. March 19th _____
 7. April 16th _____
 8. May 21st _____
 9. June 18th _____
 10. July 16th _____
 11. August 13th _____
 12. September 17th _____

VI. Other Business

- A. CPS week placemats
- B. Halloween bags
- C. All Around Town Dining Directories
- D. Friday, September 19: National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week Breakfast at the Crawford Auto Aviation Museum at 9:30 am. Free parking in attached lot.
- E. Saturday, September 20: National Seat Check Saturday car seat check-up and free booster seat giveaway event. 10-2 at the Children’s Museum of Cleveland. We really need CPS technicians and helpers.
- F. Ed Gallek - how police departments can get ahead of on-line breaking news stories.

VII. Reminders:

- A. Monthly stats, invoices and activity reports for OT and PI&E are due not later than the 14th of each month. We must report on monthly activities on time.
- B. The next Greater Cleveland Safe Kids/Safe Communities meeting will take place Tuesday, November 11th at 11:00am at the Brooklyn Heights Community Center, 225 Tuxedo Ave.